

Lamb has indicated, many ranchers and wool growers throughout the State of Nebraska do utilize this particular program. The cut backs have been rather severe on the program. Of course we do share a program with the federal government on this. And I think most of the individuals who utilize the program recognize that if we cannot get the necessary funding through the General Funds that a cash fund fee, user fee basis probably would be appropriate and I don't think you'd see too many people object to that since they will be the beneficiaries of the program. So they would be willing to pay for the program if this amendment does not go. There is a contingency plan or backup plan that might go. I just wanted to bring that to your information.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Miller, then Senator Vickers.

SENATOR MILLER: Mr. President and members, I want to tell you a little bit about how this program works. I was not in favor of this kind of a program until I researched it. This program is set out to control predators of certain animals that we raise for production in the State of Nebraska. And I thought why doesn't the producer go out and shoot these animals and take care of the problem himself, why doesn't he organize a few people to do that. It is not...it is one specific animal that is causing the damage. It is not...for example coyotes are causing most of the damage. It is not because you have too many coyotes. It is because you have a coyote who has changed its habits, who is what you would call a renegade. And we need...the average hunter cannot determine this animal. They don't look any different, they are just...their habits are a little bit different. This program has professional people hired, it is mostly funded by the federal government to eliminate the one animal that is causing the damage. I thought you should know about that program before you voted yes or no. It is a worthwhile program. It is something that an individual producer cannot do for himself. And if we want to have a balance of nature in this state we should vote for this program.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please, then Senator Warner.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, as Senator Johnson pointed out to you, him and I, we do have a bill and have an amendment pending that would set up a mechanism whereby